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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament ſtands Prorogued to Tueſday the Thirtieth Day of this Inſtant October; We, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, do hereby publiſh and declare, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall be further Prorogued, on the ſaid Thirtieth Day of October, to Thurſday the Tenth Day of January next:—And We have given Order to Our Chancellor of Great Britain, to prepare a Commiſſion for Proroguing the ſame accordingly. And We do hereby further declare Our Royal Will and Pleaſure, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall, on the ſaid Tenth Day of January next, be held and fit for the Diſpatch of divers weighty and important Affairs. And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, and the Commiſſioners for Shires and Burghs of the Houſe of Commons, are hereby required to give their Attendance accordingly at Weſtminſter, on the ſaid Tenth Day of January next.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twelfth Day of *October*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-four, in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

For permitting the free Importation of Salted Proviſions from Ireland into this Kingdom.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, "An Act "to enable His Majeſty, with the Advice of His "Privy Council, to order the Importation of Proviſions from Ireland during the next Receſs of Par"liament, under certain Reſtrictions and Regulations "therein mentioned," We are empowered, during the preſent Receſs of Parliament, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, from Time to Time to Order, Permit, and Authorize, the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland into this Kingdom, as We ſhall think convenient and needful, and as the Neceſſity of the Times may require, and in ſuch Manner as We ſhall think fit to direct; Provided, that nothing therein contained ſhall extend to authorize the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, or Butter from Ireland, unleſs the Price of the beſt Ox Beef in Smithfield Market ſhall exceed Three-pence per Pound for the Four Quarters, and unleſs the Price of the beſt Pieces of ſuch Beef ſhall exceed Four-pence per Pound at Leadenhall Market, and unleſs the Price of the beſt Pork ſhall exceed Four-pence per Pound, the beſt Bacon Seven-pence per Pound, and of the beſt Butter ſhall exceed Nine-pence per Pound, at Leadenhall Market.—And whereas a Petition hath been preſented to Us in Council by ſeveral Merchants, large and extenſive Dealers in Salt Proviſions, humbly praying, that in regard the Prices of the aforementioned Proviſions at Smithfield and Leadenhall Markets, do exceed the Prices ſpecified in the ſaid Act, We will be graciouſly pleaſed to permit the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland into this Kingdom.—And whereas it has been verified, by the Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes, that the Prices of the beſt Beef, of the beſt Pork, and of the beſt Bacon, and of the beſt Butter, per Pound, do far exceed the Prices ſpecified in the ſaid Act; and We have the greateſt Reaſon to ſuſpect, that the preſent high Prices of Proviſions do not ariſe from Scarcity, but are occaſioned by unlawful Combinations; We do therefore, purſuant to the Powers veſted in Us by the ſaid Act, and by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, by this Our Royal Proclamation, Order, Permit, and Authorize, the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland, into that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, ſubject to the Payment of the Duties in the ſaid Act mentioned, until, and provided the ſame be landed in any of the Ports of that Part of our ſaid Kingdom of Great Britain called England, on or before the Thirty-firſt Day of December next: And in order to prevent all unlawful Combinations for the Enhancing the Price of Proviſions, and for an Encouragement to all who ſhall diſcover any concerned in ſuch illegal Practices, and bring the Offenders to Conviction, We do hereby promiſe and declare, that all Perſons who ſhall ſo diſcover, and cauſe ſuch Offenders to be convicted, ſhall be entitled to a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS; which ſaid Sum of ONE HUNDRED Pounds, the Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury, or Our High Treaſurer of Great Britain for the Time being, are hereby directed and required to pay accordingly, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twelfth Day of *October*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-four, in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

AT the Court at St. *James's* the 12th Day of *October*, 1764,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHereas by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, "An Act for the further Improve"ment of His Majeſty's Revenue of Cuſtoms, and "for the Encouragement of Officers making Seizures, "and for the Prevention of the Clandeſtine Run"ning of Goods into any Part of His Majeſty's Do"minions," it is (amongſt other Things) Enacted, That one Moiety of the nett Produce ariſing by the Sale of Smuggling Veſſels and Prohibited Goods, which

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which ſhould be ſeized after the Firſt Day of May, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three, and condemned and ſold according to Law, (the Charges thereof being firſt deducted) ſhould be allowed by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to any Officers of the Cuſtoms who ſhould ſeize the ſame; and that the other Moiety thereof ſhould be paid by the ſaid Commiſſioners into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, in lieu of His Majeſty's Share thereof, (except in thoſe Caſes which are otherwiſe provided for by the ſaid Act:) And that for the more effectual Prevention of the infamous Practice of Smuggling, and for the better Encouragement of the Officers and Seamen of all ſuch Ships and Veſſels of War belonging to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, who may be employed in preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods on the Coaſts of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the other Dominions and Colonies belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to direct and appoint the Moiety therein before-mentioned, or any other Part of all and every the Seizure and Seizures that ſhall be made by ſuch Officers and Seamen reſpectively, ſo employed as aforeſaid, to be divided amongſt all ſuch Officers and Seamen who ſhall make any ſuch Seizure, in ſuch Proportions, and in ſuch Manner, as His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, ſhall think fit to order and direct, by any Order or Orders of Council, or by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be made or iſſued from Time to Time for that Purpoſe: And whereas by one other Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, entituled, "An Act for granting certain Duties in the Britiſh Colonies and Plantations in America, for continuing, amending and making perpetual an Act paſſed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King George the Second, (intituled, An Act for the better ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies in America) for applying the Produce of ſuch Duties, and of the Duties to ariſe by Virtue of the ſaid Act, towards defraying the Expences of defending, protecting, and ſecuring, the ſaid Colonies and Plantations; for explaining an Act made in the Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, (intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the Greenland and Eaſtland Trades, and for the better ſecuring the Plantation Trade,) and for altering and diſallowing ſeveral Drawbacks on Exports from this Kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandeſtine Conveyance of Goods to and from the ſaid Colonies and Plantations, and improving and ſecuring the Trade between the ſame and Great Britain"; it is, amongſt other Things enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by that, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Trade and Revenues of the Britiſh Colonies or Plantations in America, which ſhall be incurred and recovered there, (except ſuch Seizures as ſhall be made at Sea by the Commanders or Officers of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War duly authorized to make Seizures) ſhall be divided, after deducting the Charges of Proſecution from the Groſs Produce thereof, into three Parts; and that one Part of the nett Produce thereof ſhould be paid into the Hands of the Collector of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms at the Port or Place where ſuch Penalties or Forfeitures ſhould be recovered for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors; one other Third to the Governor of the Colony, and the other Third to the Seizer or Proſecutor; and that one Moiety of all ſuch Seizures as ſhould be made at Sea by His Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels as aforeſaid, and of the Penalties and Forfeitures recovered thereon, firſt deducting the Charges as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid as aforeſaid to the Collector of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, to and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors; and the other Moiety to him or them who ſhall Seize, Inform, and Sue for the ſame; ſubject nevertheleſs to ſuch Diſtribution of the Produce of the Seizures ſo made at Sea, as well with Regard to the Moiety therein before granted to His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, as with Regard to the other Moiety given to the Seizer or Proſecutor, as His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors ſhall think fit to order and direct by any Order or Orders of Council, or by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be made for that Purpoſe; His Majeſty taking the ſame into his Royal Conſideration, is hereby pleaſed, purſuant to the Powers veſted in him by the ſaid Acts of Parliament, and by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, direct and appoint, that the Moiety, or other Part of all and every the Seizure and Seizures that have been, or ſhall be made by Virtue of the firſt mentioned Act, and granted to the Officers and Seamen as aforeſaid, and the Moiety of Seizures granted by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, be divided in the following Proportions, viz.

1ſt. With Regard to Seizures made by the Officers and Men of Ships and Sloops of War.

To the Captain or Captains of any ſuch Ships or Sloops who ſhall be actually on Board at the Seizure of any Smuggling Veſſel or prohibited Goods, Three Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Maſters on Board any ſuch Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Lieutenants and Quarter Maſters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Enſigns, and Quarter Maſters of Land Forces, Boatſwain, Gunner, Purſer, Carpenter, Maſter's Mate, Surgeon, Pilot, and Chaplain, on Board any ſuch Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Midſhipmen, Secretary to Flag Officers, Captain's Clerk, Maſter Sailmaker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatſwain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Maſter at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxſwain, Quarter Maſters, Quarter Maſter's Mates, Surgeon's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, and Serjeants of Marines, or Land Forces on Board any ſuch Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine, or other Soldiers, and all other Perſons doing Duty, or aſſiſting on Board any ſuch Ships or Sloops, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them.

2d. With Regard to Seizures made by the Officers and Men of Cutters commanded by Lieutenants.

To the Lieutenant commanding ſuch Cutter, who ſhall be actually on Board at the Seizure of any Smuggling Veſſel, or Prohibited Goods, One Half Part: To the Second Maſter and Pilot, or Maſter's Mate and the Midſhipmen on Board any ſuch Cutter, One Eighth Part: The Second Maſter and Pilot, or Maſter's Mate, to have Two Third Parts thereof, and the Midſhipman to have the Remainder; but if there ſhould happen to be a Pilot Extraordinary on Board at the making of any ſuch Seizure, the Second Maſter and Pilot, or Maſter's Mate, is, in that Caſe, to have one Moiety of the ſaid Eighth Part, and the other Moiety is to be equally divided between the Pilot Extraordinary and Midſhipman: To the Clerk and Steward, Boatſwain's Mate, Gunner's Mate, Carpenter's Mate, and Surgeon's Mate on Board any ſuch Cutter, One Eighth Part: To the Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and all other Perſons doing Duty and aſſiſting on Board any ſuch Cutter, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them.

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3d. With regard to Seizures made by Ships or Sloops of War in Conjunction with Cutters.

That in all such Cases, the Moiety or other Part which is given to the Officers and Men who shall make such Seizure, be divided into so many equal Parts or Shares, as there may be Ships or Sloops and Cutters concerned therein; and that those Shares be distributed to the Officers and Men of the Ships or Sloops and Cutters according to the aforegoing Proportions.

And His Majesty doth hereby further order, direct, and appoint, That in the Case of Seizures made at Sea in any of the Colonies Abroad, belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, by His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, being Part of the Squadron, or acting under the Orders of a Flag Officer, or a Commodore with a Captain under him, such Flag Officer or Commodore shall have One Fourth Part of the Moiety or other Part of the said Seizures directed by the said last mentioned Act to be paid to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, or reserved by former Acts for His Majesty's Use: And in Case any Sea Captain, inferior Commission or Warrant Sea Officers, belonging to any such Ship or Vessel, for whom any Shares of Seizures are hereby allowed, be absent at the Time of making such Seizure, the Share of such Sea Captain, inferior Commission or Warrant Sea Officer, shall be cast into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, and all other Persons doing Duty or assisting on board any such Ship or Vessel, to be equally divided amongst them: Provided, that if any Officer or Officers on Board of any such Ship or Sloops at the Time of making such Seizures, shall have more Commissions or Offices than One, he or they shall be intitled only to the Share which, according to the abovementioned Distribution, shall belong to his or their respective superior Commissions or Offices. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to cause His Majesty's Pleasure hereby signified, to be duly complied with.

Rob. Walpole.

Segovia, September 20. On the first of next November a Packet will depart from Corunna for the West Indies, to carry Letters directed to any of the Spanish American Dominions; and on the first Day of every following Month others will be dispatched from Corunna, and are to return thither with the Answers. Those who are employed in the Catholic King's Service, or Merchants furnished with proper Passports, will be permitted to embark on these Packets, paying for their Passage according to the Regulations of the Havanna and Caraccas Companies.

General Post-Office, October 9, 1764.

A Mail will be dispatched from this Office on Thursday the 8th of November next, being the Second Thursday in the Month, for His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, Pensacola, St. Augustine, Savanna, and Charles-Town, by the Grenville Packet Boat, Capt. Purches, now at Falmouth.

The Postage from London to the West India Islands is 1*s.* 6*d. a Single Letter; to the whole Continent of America, including Florida,* 1*s. the Double, Treble, and Ounce Letters and Packets in Proportion, which must be paid upon their Delivery into this Office; the Inland Postage to London, from all Places in Great Britain and Ireland, must also be paid, over and above the said Rates.*

By Command of the Postmaster General,
Anth. Todd, *Secretary.*

Admiralty Office, October 13, 1764.

Whereas my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have received authentick Information, That on the 21*st of March last, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, as a Ship called Birgitha Catherina, of Copenhagen, Captain P. A. Jansen, Commander, belonging to the Danish African Company, was coming from Amsterdam, and bound for Salee in Barbary, the said Ship was piratically and feloniously attacked on the High Sea near Dover, by a Vessel or Cutter which shewed English Colours, and of which the Crew seemed to be English, who by Force plundered and robbed the said Ship Birgitha Catherina of great Quantities of Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes to a very considerable Value, in Violation of the Laws of Nations.*

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect and bring to Justice the Persons guilty of the said Piracy and Robbery, are pleased to promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds *unto or among such Person or Persons, as shall, within Three Months from this Time discover any of the Offenders guilty of the abovementioned Offence, so as such Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof: Which Reward shall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, by Samuel Seddon, Esq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of such Offenders.*

And as a farther Encouragement, His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any of the said Offenders, (other than and except the Commander of the said Cutter) who shall discover, and prosecute to Conviction, any two or more of the said Offenders.

Ph. Stephens.

Beverley, October 4, 1764.

Notice is hereby given, that a General Meeting of His Majesty's Lieutenancy for the East Riding of the County of York, and Town and County of the Town of Kingston upon Hull, will be held at the Tiger Inn in Beverley on Tuesday the 30*th Day of October instant, at Ten in the Forenoon, being one of the Days fixed by the late Act of Parliament for an Annual Meeting, in order to appoint Sub-division Meetings for carrying new Lists to be made out and returned to the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices at the first of the said Sub-division-Meetings; and for other Purposes mentioned in the said Act of Parliament.*

T. Hassell,
J. Robinson,
Jn° Hudson,
Deputy Lieutenants.

Navy Office, September 29, 1764.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Tuesday the 16*th of October next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, Commissioner Hughes will expose to Sale at the Pay Office, in His Majesty's Yard near Portsmouth, several Lots of old Stores, consisting of Flat-bottomed Boats, Canvas in Paperstuff, Hammocks with Clews, Colours with Tabling, Leather Buckets and Hose, Nail Bags, Nets, Canvas Hose, Lines, Twine, &c. Rope, ditto in Paperstuff, ditto in Rounding, Matts and Platts, &c. Junk in Paperstuff, ditto in Clenches and short Pieces, White Oakum, Hemp Rubbish, Shakings, Worming, Spunyarn, &c. where any Persons willing to be Purchasers, may have the Liberty of viewing them at any Time in the common working Hours of the said Yard till the Day of Sale.*

And as a Deposit of 25 *l. per Cent. or in that Proportion, is to be made by the Purchasers, all Persons who shall attend the said Sale, are to take Notice thereof, and come prepared for that Purpose; and unless the Stores so purchased shall be paid for, and taken away at the End of Forty Days after the Day of Sale, the Deposit shall be forfeited, and become the Property of the Crown.*

Printed Inventories may be seen in the Clerk of the Acts Office, and at the Commissioner's Office at Portsmouth.

Notice